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BOWLES (TOPS 54)

WASHINGTON, (AP)--THE POSSIBILITY THAT C HESTER BOWLES MIGHT BE NUDGED OUT AS UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE WAS DISCOUNTED TODAY BY AN ADMINISTRATION SOURCE.

"MR. BOWLES," THIS AUTHORITY SAID, "HAD NEITHER RESIGNED NOR HAS HIS RESIGNATION BEEN ASKED FOR, AND HIS RESIGNATION IS NOT CURRENTLY EXPECTED."

THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE WASHINGTON POST CARRIED STORIES TODAY SAYING PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS BELIEVE READY TO ASK BOWLES TO RESIGN AND ACCEPT AN AMBASSADORIAL POST. THE TIMES ALSO SAID THAT ALLEN DULLES IS ON THE WAY OUT AS DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND THAT THERE WILL BE A SHAKEUP OF TOP OFFICIALS THERE.

ON THE LATTER POINT, THE SAME ADMINISTRATION SOURCE SAID THAT DULLES HAD INDICATED LAST NOVEMBER, WHEN KENNEDY ASKED HIM TO STAY ON AS CIA CHIEF, THAT HE HOPED TO RETIRE IN ABOUT A YEAR, AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN "NO CHANGE IN THAT STATUS."

AT THE WHITE HOUSE, PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY PIERRE SALINGER TOLD REPORTERS AT A NOON BRIEFING THAT, WHEN HE HAD CHECKED 10 MINUTES PREVIOUSLY, THERE WERE NO PLANS FOR BOWLES TO SEE KENNEDY TODAY.

"WHAT ABOUT BOWLES?" A NEWSMAN INQUIRED.

"WELL," SALINGER REPLIED, "I'M NOT GOING TO HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ON THE RECORD ABOUT THE STORIES."

THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED BOWLES WOULD GO ABROAD LATER THIS MONTH ON A TRIP THAT WOULD INCLUDE AN AFRICAN STOP FOR A CONFERENCE OF U.S. AMBASSADORS IN THAT AREA.

AIDES SAID BOWLES WOULD BE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF U.S. CHIEFS OF MISSION TO BE HELD AT LEGOS, NIGERIA, NEXT WEEK. AFTER THAT, BOWLES PLANNED TO FLY ON TO NICOSIA, CYPRUS, AND NEW DELHI.